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Ormsby Gores (he delightful, she beautiful) were there. Effervescent atmosphere, intriguing food. I did some shop work with David Gore, in line with my recent suggestions about Dean Rusk and the President seeing Lord Home.

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E went to New York this morning, while I, more prosaically, reported at the Department. Conference with Soapy Williams and a half dozen others on the Congo and Southern Rhodesia - a re-run of yesterday's controversies. These amateur experts on Africa are rather trying. "One man, one vote" is a plausible rallying cry. We exhort others to do what we ourselves have never succeeded in accomplishing for our own Negroes. Thank Heaven, President Kennedy seems really intent on clearing up the mess in our own multiracial stable.

Had my teeth cleaned. What was more enjoyable, was exchanging jovialities with Dr. Alexander Chase.

Lunched with Bill Tyler and Doc Matthews. I was on the stretch today, seeing lots of people, tempted to talk loosely and pontifically.

I gave a background press briefing to fifteen correspondents, spent an hour with George McGhee, then talked to Dean Rusk about African matters.

Dean had spent most of the day on the Hill. The demands by Congressional Committees for high officers of the Department to appear before them are frivolous and undesirable, when carried to the excess which has persisted for over fifteen years. Much of the questioning is concerned with trivia. Rusk looked healthy and moderately relaxed, a wonder in this frenetic Departmental atmosphere. Unlike some of his associates, he seems to view Cuban and African affairs with relative objectivity.

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I may have convinced him that as regards the United States we have conscientiously striven to bring about an agreement to ban such tests, but have been thwarted by the unreasonable obstructions of the Soviet Union.

We had a staff meeting at noon. Afterwards, I received a call from the new Indian High Commissioner, Mohamed Ali Currim Chagla. I found him delightful. He is a great friend of Felix Frankfurter. Aged 62, he has had a long and distinguished career in law and public life. He was India's Ambassador to the United States and Mexico from the fall of 1958 to the fall of 1961. Chagla was born in Bombay, and educated there and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he graduated with honors in modern history in 1922. He studied law at the Inner Temple and was called to the bar in 1922. After returning to India he taught law and served as a judge. He is one of the outstanding authorities on Indian jurisprudence and, as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court from 1947 until his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, he gained a reputation for erudition, independence and courage. His political outlook appears to be that of an Indian who is in agreement with Western concepts but believes that East and West can coexist and accept India's neutral position - which he prefers to call a "policy of non-involvement" in world politics.

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Although he considers himself a good, although mundane and sophisticated Muslim, he is proud of the secular state of India. He likes alcoholic beverages and enjoys music, reading, painting, the theater, motion pictures and playing bridge. His first wife deserted him and became the mistress and model of the sculptor Jacob Epstein. His second wife died in 1961. They had three children.

I lunched at Bucks with Douglas Fairbanks. He continues his keen interest in political affairs, as well as in intelligence operations. I found his views on deception

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I went to the House of Lords at one o'clock, as a guest of Eric Bessborough, for lunch, which we had with Lord Goschen, Lord Jessel, and Lady Elliot. Bobbety Salisbury was to have been there, but could not appear. Afterwards, I addressed the Association of Independent Unionist Peers, whose political affiliations are somewhat mixed. There must have been about 75 members present. I discussed at considerable length the points of difference between US and UK policy. Afterwards, there was a good deal of interrogation. The peers seem to be unanimously in support of the Government policy not to have UN troops try to effect a political solution in the Congo. Altogether this event consumed about three hours, after which I paid a call on de Courcel, the French Ambassador. He told me his great grandfather had been in London for a considerable period as private secretary to Prince Talleyrand, so he is the third member of his family to have served as a French Foreign Service Officer here. I do like him.

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Mary Bruce came to the office to see me, and we had a long talk about Belmont.

Joe Wagner brought in Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Sloan, Glenn Wolf, Political-Military Adviser to the African Bureau, Col. Junkeman, and Col. Stewart, to talk to me about the conference they are to have tomorrow with the British on Military Assistance to certain areas of Africa.

Later Jerome Wiesner came to see me. He is a fascinating man, most interesting on the subject of current and prospective developments in Space.

Bill Tyler had been spending the day in Ireland, and returned late, as I did, to dine with us. He is leaving in the morning for Washington.

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